

REMARKS

A Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on April 4, 2005 indicates that in the Amendment filed on March 23, 2005, the Abstract did not include markings to show the changes made.

Applicants note that the Amendment filed on March 23, 2005 included a clean copy and a marked-up version of a substitute specification and abstract. In particular, Applicants note that a version of the Abstract with markings to show changes being made was included on page 28 of the above-noted marked-up version.

Nonetheless, in order to expedite prosecution, Applicants are resubmitting herewith the above-mentioned marked-up version and clean version of the substitute specific and abstract. Applicants note that page 28 of the marked-up version of the substitute specification and abstract includes markings to show the changes made to the Abstract.

If there are any issues which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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